

NOAA's Applied Research Centers (ARCs)

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Climate Dynamics/Experimental Prediction (CDEP)

✧ Mission: to advance NOAA's seasonal-to-decadal climate prediction efforts

✧ Goals:

- Contribute to the development and implementation of coupled ocean-land-atmosphere forecast system(s) based on dynamical models
- Foster the development of new prediction and application techniques

✧ Method: sponsor a critical mass of focused research and development at a few institutions - the ARCs

✧ Clients:

- Forecasters at CPC and IRI
- Users (applications and assessment communities)

Applied Research Centers

- ∞ Government, academic and private
- ∞ Committed to a partnership with NOAA's climate service providers
- ∞ Working closely with CPC, IRI and users of many sorts
- ∞ Long-term and near-term goals

Applied Research Centers

(base funded)

- ❧ Experimental Climate Prediction Center (ECPC - Scripps)
- John Roads
- ❧ Center for Ocean - Land - Atmosphere Studies (COLA - IGES) - Jim Kinter
- ❧ Center for Science in the Earth System (CSES - U. Washington) - Ed Sarachik
- ❧ Climate Diagnostics Center (CDC - NOAA/OAR) - Randy Dole
- ❧ Center for Ocean - Atmosphere Prediction Studies (COAPS - FSU) - Jim O'Brien

Applied Research Centers

(no base funding)

- Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL - NOAA/OAR) - Tony Rosati
- NASA Seasonal-to-Interannual Prediction Project (NSIPP - NASA/GSFC) - Michele Rienecker
- Environmental Modeling Center (NOAA/NWS/NCEP) - Steve Lord
- Modeling and Prediction Research Group (International Research Institute for Climate Prediction) - Steve Zebiak

CDEP Funding Policy

✧ Consists of base + flexible

✧ Base:

- Not all ARCs get base funding from CDEP
- Intended to support long-term ongoing r&d efforts
- Base funds allocated by ARCs Director with concurrence of program manager

✧ Flexible:

- More constrained and focused than base
- Critical enhancements to base-funded long-term projects
- Near-term efforts aimed at specific needs of clients
- 1-3 year time horizon

Schedule

- ❧ Identify critical issues for long-term efforts
- ❧ Identify near-term needs of forecasters and users
- ❧ Invite proposals for both from ARCs and affiliates
- ❧ ARCs Science Meeting - Scripps, Oct. 2001
- ❧ Brief proposals for flexible funding due mid-Nov.
- ❧ Funding decisions before Feb. 2002

Future

- ❧ Fund augmented efforts (all by July 1)
- ❧ Institutionalize inter-ARC
collaboration/communication
- ❧ Begin to develop a strategic plan for the ARCs